

**CITY OF NORWICH
POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE**

TO: Michael Schaefer, City Planner
FROM: Louis J. Fusaro, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Site Development Plan No. 997 – Sawmill Estates
DATE: November 5, 2008

We have reviewed the plans for the construction of 185 condominium units located on Hansen Road (Sawmill Estates) and have the following comments and concerns;

The access road going through the property of Colleen and Thomas Abele does not reflect measurements to determine adequate road width. In addition it cannot be determined if the road is paved and it appears to lack lighting/sidewalks. In addition and of concern is the sightline in either direction at its intersection with Hansen Road and is not referenced.

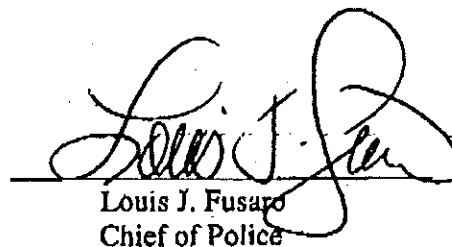
The plan only indicates lighting on Heatherlyn Drive. We strongly recommend street lighting throughout the complex to enhance pedestrian and vehicle safety. The plan does not indicate the presence of speed limit signs and advance pedestrian crossing warning signs at any of the crosswalks throughout the complex.

The sightline distance north from Heatherlyn Drive is 495 feet. Although the sight line distance looking south from Heatherlyn Drive is only 285 feet (5 feet more than required for roads with a posted speed limit). We believe this poses a significant hazard to vehicles attempting to leave the complex in the event a vehicle is traveling greater than the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. All intersection sight distances meet and exceed the requirements set forth by the ConnDOT 2003 Highway Design Manual with the exception of the southern access road. We would prefer to see the sight line distance increased to the 85th percentile speed of 39-41 miles per hour to a distance of no less than 456 feet for the southern access (looking left/south).

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We also recommend the placement of yellow center line markings for the roads throughout the complex to enhance vehicle safety.

We have a concern in regards to the additional traffic this large development will generate on the surrounding streets. The roads in and around the area are narrow and rural in nature and not adequate for high volumes of traffic in their present state. The intersection of Hansen Road and Scotland Road has a poor line of sight and its "Y" configuration does not lend itself to safe and efficient traffic operations. We feel that the increase in traffic volume would worsen this situation.



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